



European Cleaning and Facility Services Industry

The EFCI celebrates its 30th birthday opening a new period

Brussels, 23 November 2018 - At last night's event in Brussels, the EFCI not only celebrated its thirtieth anniversary but also presented its new image. Yvan Fieremans, EFCI's President and Isabel Yglesias, EFCI's Director revealed the new identity and name of the Federation: the European Cleaning and Facility Services Industry.

Established in 1988, the EFCI is the European voice of the cleaning and facility services industry. It brings together national professional organisations coming from 15 EU Member States. The Federation represents one of the most important services industries in Europe, with 240,000 contractors employing over 3,6 million people. This labour-intensive industry plays an essential role in the society by satisfying one of its fundamental needs: hygiene and cleanliness.

The thirtieth anniversary celebration of the EFCI reunited members' representatives, officials from the European Institutions and representatives from industrial associations. The event started with some words by EFCI's President, Yvan Fieremans: "While cleaning is the core of our business and historical roots, the EFCI needs to follow the evolution of the market and be ready for the future of the industry". Isabel Yglesias added "We want to mark the thirtieth anniversary of the Federation but also make a strong point for the future: today we launch our new image, that comes with our new offices in the European quarter and with a new strategy".

After these introductory words, Commissioner Thyssen congratulated the EFCI through and emphasised that "Like other sectors, yours is not immune to change. In particular, the challenges of ageing, digitalisation and new forms of work. So the second reason to celebrate is that you are prepared to tackle these challenges with confidence."

Robert Long, President of the European Business Services Alliance (EBSA), highlighted the importance of the business services industries in Europe and the need for collaboration between the different sectors.

New name: EFCI – European Cleaning and Facility Services Industry

New website: www.efci.eu

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